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# SPOKE

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## Doon Student Association does the 'executive shuffle'

By Brad Hilderley

Call it the executive shuffle, or just call it student government restructuring.

Either way, the Doon Student Association (DSA) executive appears to be finished doing it.

And the void in the executive created by the Nov. 9 resignation of Ron Lehman from the office of DSA president has been filled.

Geoff Pearson, formerly DSA vice-president of communications, automatically became president at that time, in accordance with the DSA constitution.

Tony Domingos, formerly DSA pub manager, was elected by a narrow margin at the Nov. 16 DSA executive meeting to fill Pearson's old office. Domingos beat out Paula Sossi, who stays on as DSA treasurer, in a closed-ballot vote.

"I think I would be the logical choice," Domingos told executive members in a brief



New DSA vice-president of communications Tony Domingos (right) poses with Robert Werner, the new DSA pub manager.

(Photo by Brad Hilderley)

speech prior to the vote. He added that he had an obvious replacement in Robert Werner, then DSA assistant pub manager.

Sossi (in her speech) reminded members

that whoever serves as vice-president of communications is next in line to the office of the president.

"So, you're not just voting on a vice-president, you're voting on a possible next president here," said Sossi before the vote.

In an interview after the meeting, Werner said that his promotion to DSA pub manager was "a good thing," but added the circumstances under which it came — that is, as

a result of Lehman's resignation — were "unfortunate."

Pearson said later that Werner's former position of assistant pub manager was filled by Jamie Proudfoot, a marketing student who served on the DSA board of directors this year as well as last year.

Lehman, who remains a student at the college, will only receive payment for his time in office, Pearson said.

Executive members are paid five times a year, which Pearson called "minuscule for the amount of time we put in."

He added he once calculated his own rate of pay to be about 85 cents per hour.

Board of directors members were told Nov. 23 by Jennifer Kurt, DSA vice-president of administration, of the changes to the executive.

She joked that executive members had grown to "affectionately" call these changes the "executive shuffle."

## College to give bursaries

By Julie Magee

The time is here again when students can fill out a bursary application to help them make it through the school year.

"We try to help as many students as we can," said Conestoga College's registrar Betty Martin, referring to the bursaries that are awarded to full-time students in need of financial assistance.

The bursary awards range from \$100 to \$500.

In the bursary application form, students describe their financial situation. They may be required to meet with Martin to discuss their financial situation. The form is sent to a committee that chooses the students eligible for the bursary award.

Students interested in the bursaries can pick up application forms at the student services office at Doon campus. The due date to apply is Dec. 24.

## Spoke makes changes

In this issue, Spoke introduces some changes in an attempt to make the newspaper more visual, reader-friendly and modern in appearance.

Changes include a re-designed Spoke banner on the front page and boxes above the banner to indicate stories inside.

Spoke welcomes any comments or suggestions readers may have.

## Students park free in college lots

By Alan Horn

Students who normally shell out \$2.25 for daily parking tickets were treated to an early Christmas gift — free or reduced parking rates — from Nov. 22 to 30, thanks to unresponsive ticket dispensers at Doon campus.

The dispenser for lots three and four, near the Woodworking Centre of Ontario, was out of commission for the week, while its counterpart in lot 11, near the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre, fell prey to frosty conditions early Thursday morning.

Security chief Bob Gilberts said the dispenser for lot 11 froze, but was functioning again Friday, Nov. 26th.

Contractor for the dispensers, J.J. Mackay, unsuccessfully attempted to make repairs during the week.

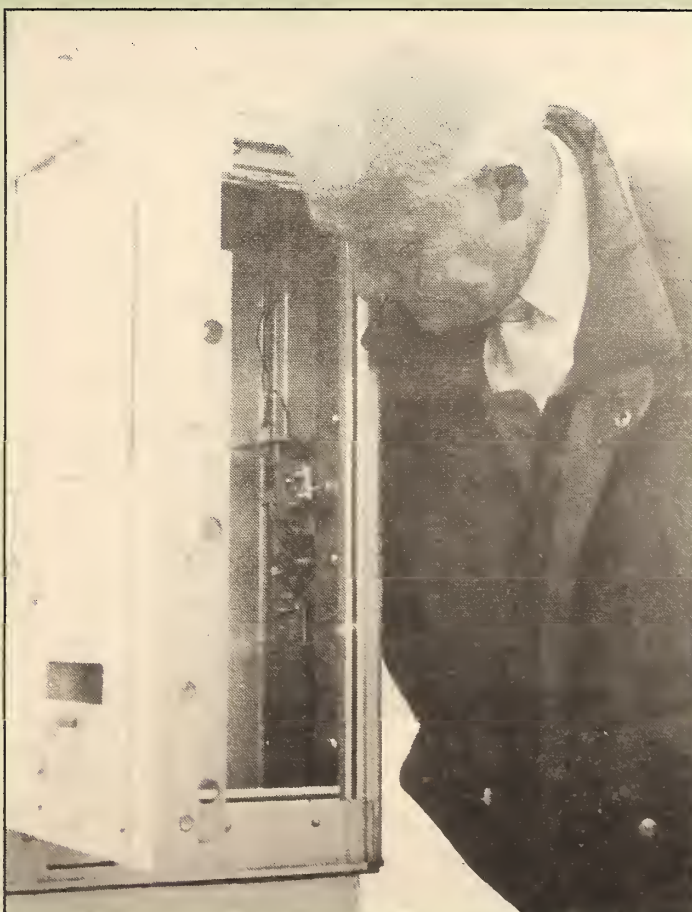
"Somehow water gets into the machines. Until they dry out, repairmen really can't find out what the problem is," said security officer Jim Brady.

There is plastic insulation inside the machines to prevent water from getting in, but wind may have blown water through the ticket slots, he said.

All lots were patrolled during the week, but no tickets were given to those parking in lots with broken dispensers, he said.

Students blitzed security all week with inquiries as to whether they had to pay when the machines were out of order.

"They stopped us in the halls and in the parking lots. They phoned in and dropped in. Those



Security chief Bob Gilberts surveys a broken ticket dispenser.

(Photo by Alan Horn)

who were conscientious did check," Brady said.

"While they're (dispensers) down, students are free to park in those lots without charge."

However, Brady had a few words of caution: "Students should check each day to be sure they don't get caught after it has

been repaired."

Anyone parking in metered or designated parking lots was expected to adhere to the same parking arrangements in place before.

The dispenser for lots three and four is seven years old, Brady said. "The contractor is suggesting it be replaced."

## Waterloo wins trophy

By Robert Gray

Conestoga College's Waterloo campus has another trophy for its display case because of its participation in the annual pancake breakfast at Waterloo Towne Square.

The best cultural and general event trophy was awarded at K-W Oktoberfest Inc.'s annual awards banquet Nov. 25.

Gary Williams, co-ordinator of the food and beverage management program at Waterloo campus, accepted the award. He said of the award, "It's a great achievement. I think the students did themselves really proud." The breakfast, held annually on the first Saturday of Oktoberfest, is co-sponsored by the Waterloo Towne Square merchants, CHYM and CKGL radio stations and Conestoga College.

Thirty students from the food and beverage management program, along with alumni and friends, did the cooking with faculty supervision. The food was served by personnel from the radio stations and Waterloo Towne Square. This was the 11th year the college participated.

"But, because of the inclement weather, we served only about 4,000 people, and we had to move it inside," Williams said. "The weather was so cold that one of my students had to go to hospital with hypothermia. He was outside mixing batter in the rain."

Williams said this was the first event in 11 years to be rained on. "We've had a little bit of drizzle but never had bad weather."

The breakfast gathered 15 shopping carts of donations to a food bank.



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## The horrendous days of school life

Even the sanest of us lose our sanity when we experience a day when everything goes wrong. Everything from our dirty dog jumping up on us to spilling coffee all over ourselves while standing in line at the cafeteria.



By Julie Magee

I have been one of those unfortunate people to experience a day filled with a comedy of errors.

The day begins with the alarm clock going off at the right time. However, for some unknown reason, my arm reaches out and turns the clock off and once again I enter dreamland. An hour later, I wake up and realize I overslept.

A mad dash is made to the bathroom where I promptly jump into the shower, not bothering to wait for the water to warm up. After a five-second shower, I towel myself dry. I look in my closet and realize there is absolutely nothing to wear because I forgot to do my wash that week. I run into my brother's room and grab one of his sweatshirts.

After making myself presentable, I run out to my car. However, my eight-month old puppy, Bear, decides she wants to greet her master by jumping all over me. Two paw prints appear on my jeans. Cursing at Bear, I run back into the house and throw on another pair of jeans.

I jump into my car, put it in drive and speed out of my laneway, nearly sideswiping a transport truck. The truck driver decides to give me the one-finger salute.

I glance at the clock in my car and realize that I will be late for my first class. I decide the only way that I'll make it to class is to speed all the way to school.

As luck would have it, however, I end up behind an elderly driver who can barely see over the steering wheel and insists on doing the speed limit. The traffic being so congested, I'm unable to pass her.

I arrive at school and run to my class, only to find that the teacher chose to let the class out early. I curse under my breath and walk to the cafeteria to buy a coffee.

Standing in line waiting to pay for my coffee, a friend walks by and says, "Hey Julie, how's it going?" Not paying attention to my coffee, as I mutter an incoherent "Just wonderful," I spill the hot drink down the front of my brother's sweatshirt.

Feeling my face turn three shades of red, I pay for the now half-filled coffee.

I rush to the bathroom and run cold water over the stain. I pray the brown mark will disappear and my brother will never suspect someone had ever slopped coffee on his favourite \$80 sweatshirt.

As the day progresses, the comedy of errors escalates even further, which drives one to the breaking point.

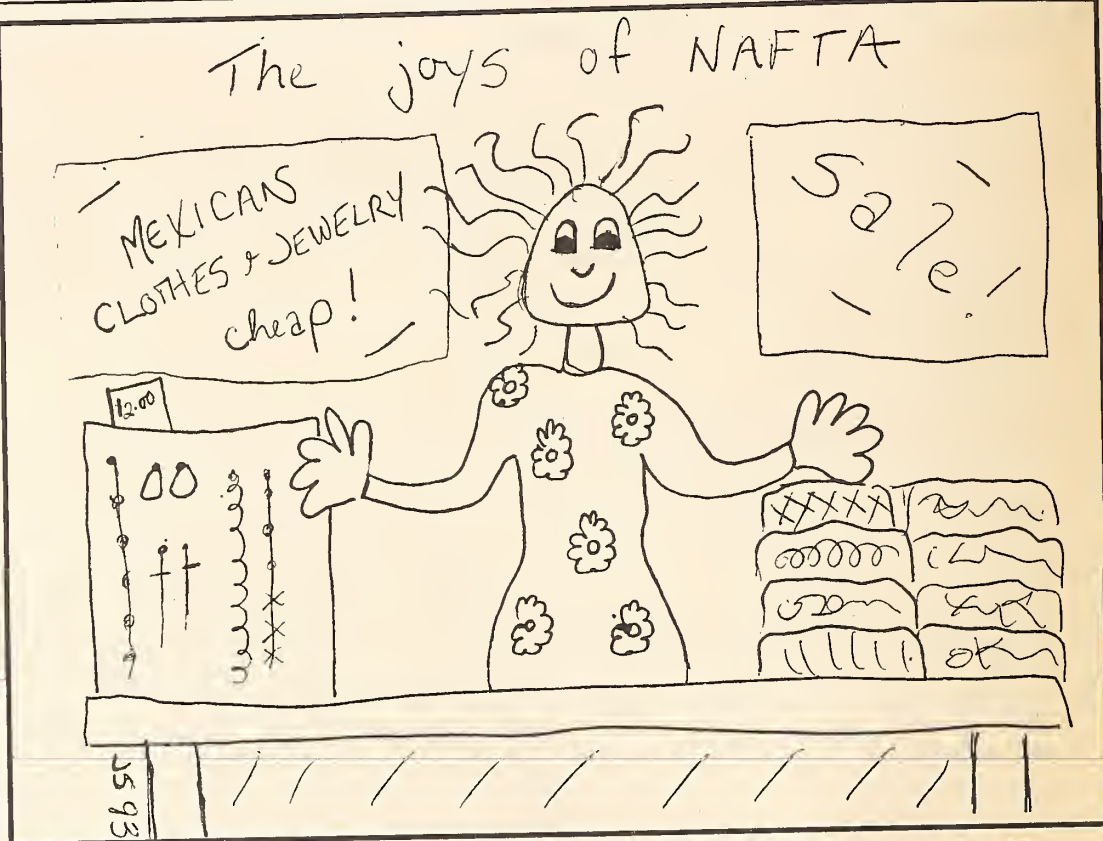
Having a bad day happens to everyone. Try to remember the song from the musical Annie, "Tomorrow, tomorrow, how I love you tomorrow, you're only a day away."

## Letters to the editor

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# OPINION



## NAFTA? Ah, should we really haveta?

A few weeks ago, the United States Congress ratified the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in a close and hotly contested vote. But, really, what does it mean to us?

NAFTA, which would take affect Jan. 1, 1994, will apparently eliminate all tariffs on trade involving the U.S., Canada and Mexico over the next 15 years.

Depending who you talk to, this agreement will either spark amazing financial prosperity for everybody or burn down the already beleaguered Canadian industrial sector.

Who's right? I'm not sure, but I seem to recall similar rumblings during the 1988 federal election. During that campaign, the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (FTA) was the topic on every politician's lips.

Liberal leader John Turner, in a last gasp attempt to catch the Tories in the polls, railed tirelessly against the deal and promised to scrap it if elected.

The Conservatives, who said Canada needed this agreement to revitalize and modernize its economy, were firm FTA backers and their position ultimately prevailed as the nation swept them into a majority government.

Now that we're several years into the deal and have



By Jeff Brinkhof

had time to reflect, what I want to know is: What's changed?

Maybe I'm just a dumb guy, but I can't see any difference. I'm aware that many blame the FTA for the disappearance of thousands of jobs, specifically in southern Ontario, but the recent recession, which hit much of the industrial-

ized world in addition to Canada, could also be to blame.

It seems to me, if I buy anything during a trip to the U.S., I still have to declare anything I've bought and pay the appropriate duty. Where's the FREE in that?

If the FTA is only supposed to pertain to large-scale cross-border trade, then why is it every second week I hear that the U.S. government has slapped some extra tariff on Canadian lumber or some other export?

This doesn't sound like the harmonious global economy that free trade in general is supposed to foster. Putting extra duties and tariffs on products doesn't seem to lend itself to the whole concept of free trade.

So, with NAFTA looming on the horizon, I don't find myself getting worried or excited.

Sure, we'll be part of the world's largest free-trade zone, but I don't think it really matters. If it's anything like the FTA, I'll never notice the difference.

## Immigration and welfare need overhaul

Canada stands at the brink of bankruptcy.

With a monstrous debt of close to \$600 billion, only one little nudge is needed for this once-great nation to slide over the precipice into the gaping maw of Third World status.

While there are many reasons for today's financial fiasco, two areas stand out in need of a long-overdue overhaul — immigration and welfare.

I am old enough to have witnessed what I consider to be two major waves of immigration that crashed upon our shores since the Second World War.

The first wave consisted of those known as DPs (displaced persons). Comprised of Britons, Poles, Hungarians, Ukrainians, Chinese and others, these people fled homelands devastated by the ravages of war and the threat of communism to self-sacrificingly work at rebuilding their lives.

The second wave consisted of those other than the above named. For the most part, they too worked



By Gary Wiebe

hard to build new lives.

However, there is a large percentage of refugees who view Canada as a sucker nation and slavishly drool over prospects of free money, housing, health care, furniture, etc., from a welfare system gone mad.

What, for example, is going on when the family, friends and relatives of Somali warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid are allowed into this country, collect welfare (no questions asked), live in tax-payer-funded \$400,000 homes and take five-month holidays to return to the country they supposedly fled?

And who knows how much of this money buys weapons so Aidid can gun down United Nations troops — Canadians among them — whose main purpose in Somalia is to feed

starving Somalis?

And this is just the icing on the cake.

Everyday the news media contains stories about bogus refugees cheating the welfare system.

Protest this insanity and you are labelled a racist.

Fine. Call me a racist. But allow me to add this — if wanting to crack down on phoney refugees whose only aim is to scam this country out of millions of dollars, adding to an already horrendous deficit, then indeed, I am a racist.

We look at places like Germany, where there is a violent backlash against immigrants, and we shake our heads at it, smugly thinking it can't happen here.

I wouldn't be too sure of that. Ordinary Canadians, worried about jobs and finances, will only put up with so much. Although Canada has a reputation for non-violent problem-solving, this could very well change.

It can't happen here? Don't bet the farm on it.



# National Research Council recruits former Conestoga engineering dean

By Jason Schneider

Conestoga College hosted the National Research Council's second semi-annual meeting Nov. 24, and formally introduced Tony Martinek, their new Cambridge-area industrial training advisor.

A former Doon campus principal and dean of engineering, Martinek accepted the position with NRC in September and has helped local manufacturers develop new methods and technologies through the college's facilities.

"Cambridge is an industrial powerhouse," Martinek said. "But, frequently industrial clients that we are working with need some training, so universities and colleges derive some secondary and tertiary benefits from this activity by being able to respond to the training needs of the clients that NRC people work with."

Although Martinek is now involved with NRC on a full-time basis, he is part of the college's payroll and retains an office on campus. "The way it works is that

there is a contractual agreement between the NRC and the college and I remain an employee," Martinek explained.

"NRC supports the office, the salary and the computer equipment that allow me to be a part of the IRAP network, their electronic mail and database system."

Martinek is actually in the majority of NRC members employed by independent companies. He said that most colleges and universities have NRC representatives on staff who contribute to bringing students into the workforce.

"In fact, about two-thirds of people like me are not NRC employees but employees of the network member organization. While working out of this office, I obviously have the resources of the entire college available," he said.

Some of the major projects Martinek is involved in include a research and development relationship between the Woodworking Centre of Ontario and furniture manufacturers.

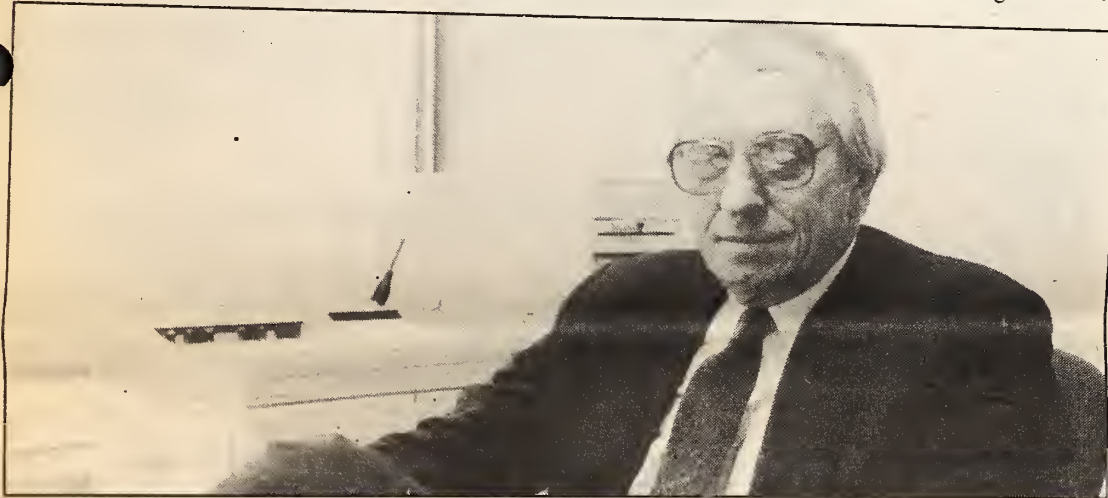
"The centre is a very unique train-

ing facility, one of the four best of its kind in the world, and we plan on adding the new research and development dimension for not just local businesses but for provincial and national companies as well.

"As well, I think the college has expertise and resources, in terms of faculty and senior students, that could be applied to smaller research and development projects locally. So I can see some of our people becoming external consultants to industrial companies, working on an IRAP-approved program."

The benefits, according to Martinek, are a better relationship between industry and the college and better opportunities for students to make connections in the business world.

The National Research Council is a wholly subsidized government body set up to fund companies in their development of new technologies. NRC currently supports over 4,000 projects, and over one-quarter of all manufacturing in Canada.



Former Conestoga dean of engineering Tony Martinek is the new training advisor for the NRC.

(Photo by Jason Schneider)

## OutSPOKEn

How could fan attendance at varsity sporting events be increased?



Give away free tickets at school for events that require an admission charge.

**Richard Moravec**  
Broadcasting —  
radio and television  
First year

More publicity. I don't see or hear games advertised around the school.

**Ophelia Gorni**  
Social services  
First year

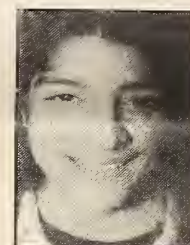


Make the event a worthy cause by giving a portion of the receipts to a charity such as a food bank.

**Paul Holowaty**  
Co-manager  
Rodeway Suites  
residence

Have pep rallies and play loud music in the rec centre before major events.

**Ann Paonni**  
Law and security  
administration  
First year



Have halftime contests with prizes and free hot dogs.

**Brett Wehrle**  
Co-manager  
Rodeway Suites  
residence

There should be more advertising because, as it stands, I don't know much about our teams.

**Kate Verkuyl**  
Financial accounting  
First year



Serve alcohol between periods in a setting similar to the blue-line club at Maple Leaf Gardens.

**Rob Thibeault**  
Management studies  
Second year

I'm not sure attendance can be increased. People will either go to games or stay home.

**Deb Nahlik**  
Broadcasting —  
radio and television  
Third year



By Kenton Augerman



# New teaching technique being tried at Detweiler Centre

By Robert Gray

A group of electrical apprenticeship students in the college's Detweiler Centre are learning things a little bit differently this semester.

Walter Boettger, an instructor at Detweiler, started using a new teaching technique with his class at the beginning of November.

Boettger got the idea from a book called Teaching Students to Teach Themselves.

"It uses the same learning process that younger kids use," Boettger said.

"It's a fact that children learn at a much faster rate than adults do. What the education system does is try to mold them into a different system than they're used to.

"It's like we're playing. When you're playing, you can learn a lot more and do a lot more than when you're working."

Boettger divided the students into groups of four or five.

Every Friday, one group gives a practical presentation on the material covered that week to the rest of the class.

The group presenting gives the other groups problems to solve. One person in the groups watching takes notes while the others watch and ask questions. The groups meet

outside of class to copy notes.

"It introduces some peer tutoring. During lunchtime, they talk about their course material; there's a lot less card playing," Boettger said.

The presentations also help in-

crease social skills. Boettger said that different types of education are needed to help students meet the demands of today's market.

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Boettger said that different types of education are needed to help students meet the demands of today's market.

"We're not really teachers, we are facilitators. We motivate these people; we provide the leadership skills," he said.

"The conventional way of teaching, filling up the blackboard, students go home and try to cram it in their brain. Those days are over. We have to facilitate these people, make them motivated so they really want to learn.

"I'm not saying this style is going to work for every class, or every group."

The Detweiler Centre is involved more in training than the main campus, where the emphasis is on education, he said.

"Our classes are very informal. If we want to talk about the hockey

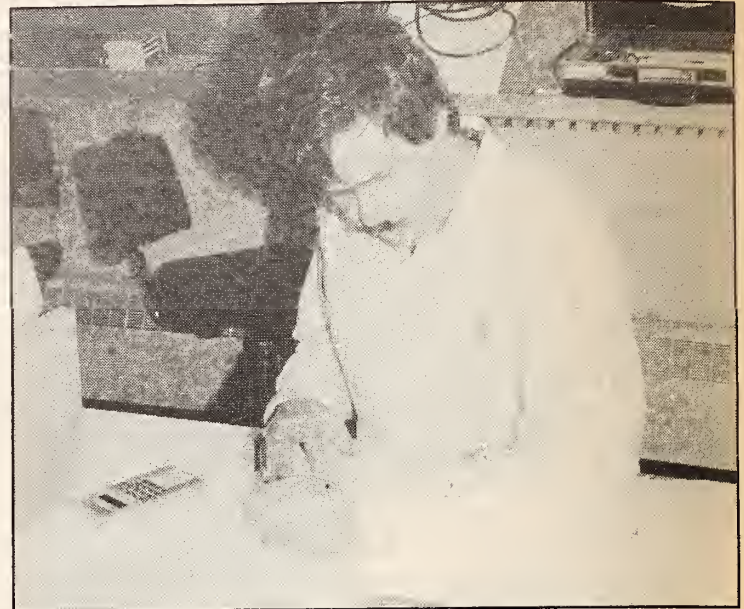
game, we'll take 10 or 15 minutes talking about the hockey game, but when we get down to business we really get down to business. We know that we have this material to learn in this amount of time, and we

have to keep on schedule," Boettger said.

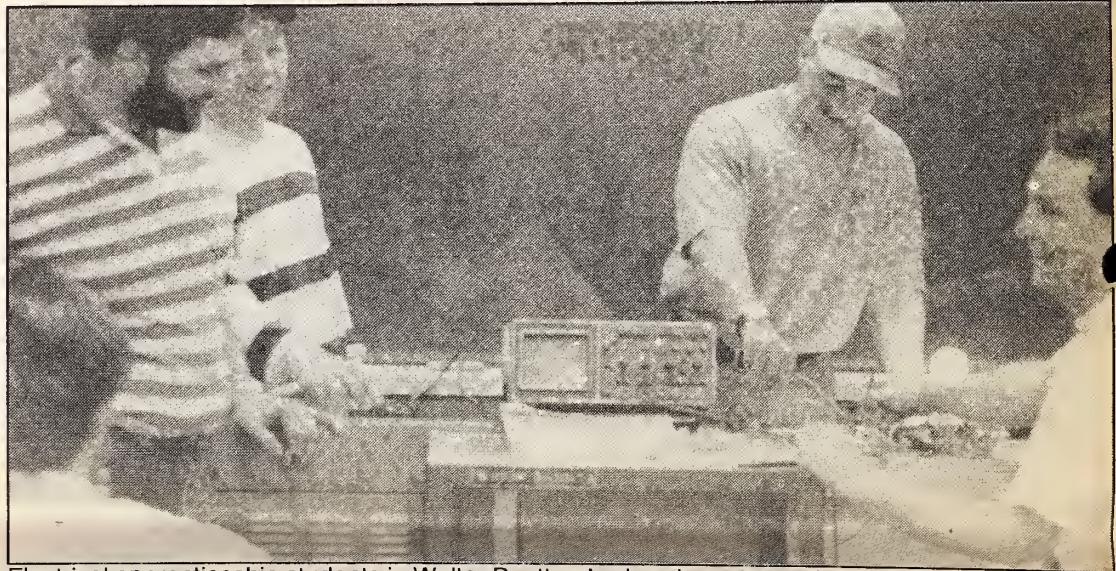
Lee Dollimore, a student in the class, said, "It gets everybody more involved. And you do a little more research yourself. We're hands-on people. So, if we can

actually see it in a practical application, we can understand it better. "It makes for better understanding," he said.

"Even doing the theory part of it. One student may be having trouble doing one thing, so it's up to the other ones to help and bring him up to par."



Walter Boettger has changed the way students relate to each other. (Photo by Robert Gray)



Electrical apprenticeship students in Walter Boettger's class learn to teach themselves.

(Photo by Robert Gray)

## Children's Christmas Wish Tree

Share the Joy of Giving  
Give a Child a Christmas  
to Remember  
until Dec. 10

Purchase a Gift for the Child of your choice. The Wish Tree is located outside the DSA Activities Office. Gifts will be donated to Family and Children's Services of Waterloo Region.



## Clearance Sale

Coffee Mugs \$2

Laundry Bags \$3

On sale now  
at  
the DSA Activities  
Office



## Nation

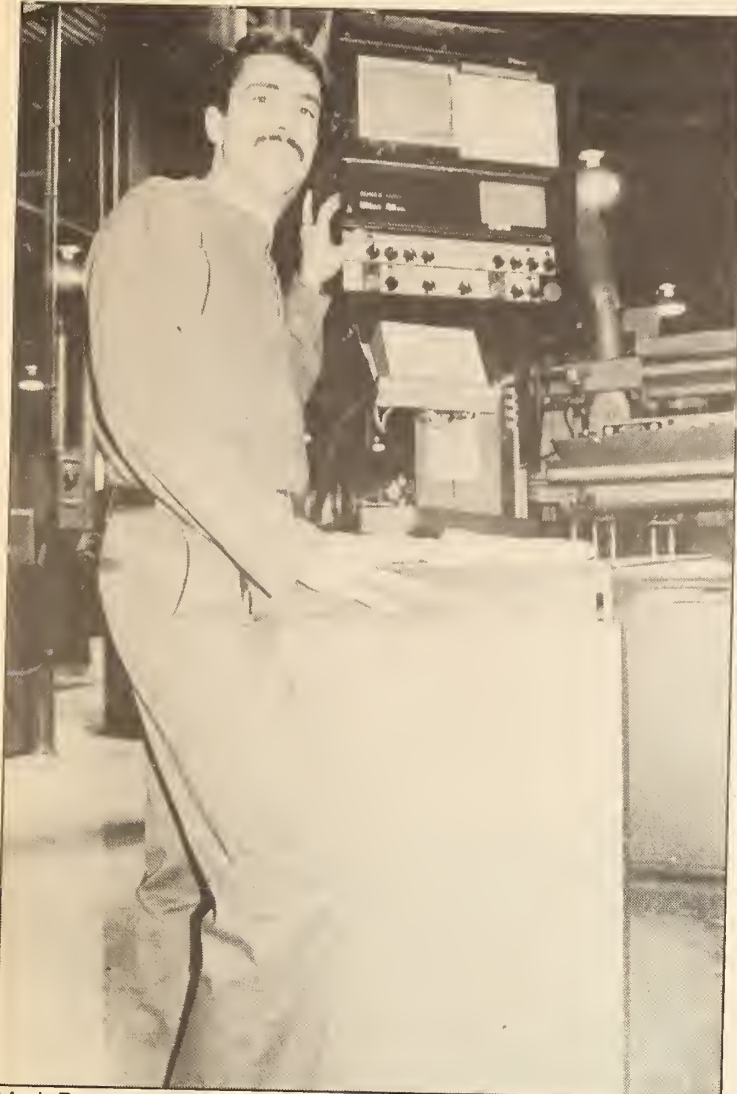
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## DSA Family Christmas Day

Sunday Dec 5







Mark Bramer stands beside one of the machines used to produce 17 donation boxes for Reaching Our Outdoor Friends (ROOF).  
(Photo by Colleen Connachan)

## Donation boxes built by Conestoga students

By Colleen Connachan

The milk of human kindness is present in Conestoga College from one teacher's efforts in using his students, his workshop and some extra material.

The resources came in handy when a link needed to be created between social service teacher and ROOF (Reaching Our Outdoor Friends) board member Dick Parker and Mark Bramer, woodworking program faculty member. The pair connected and put time aside in an effort to raise funding for the Kitchener-based agency for street kids.

Parker had approached Bramer in the middle of October asking for his help and resources to build donation boxes in the shape of houses. Bramer, who teaches first- and third-year woodworking programs, not only made a few boxes, but in a matter of two weeks made a total of 17.

Bramer said the project was not a solo effort but involved many students who volunteered. "I involved individuals within the program at different stages along the process."

Sometimes, projects like these can be fitted into the program, but other times all it takes is a little extra time on the side, Bramer said.

According to Parker, ROOF's expenses are \$7,500 a month. At this time, he said, the City of Kitchener has contributed \$6,000. The United Way is to donate \$14,000. This leaves approximately \$4,500 which must be raised through the community, he said.

Parker said the agency has not received as many donations from the community as expected. He figures the reason could be the high unemployment rate. "People don't have enough (money) to contribute

these days."

Parker said he is pleased with the generosity of Bramer and his class. He also said it is a refreshing to see such generosity.

Also involved with fund-raising tasks for ROOF is Conestoga's Doon Student Association (DSA).

Parker said he has approached the DSA to sell tickets for an upcoming benefit concert. The DSA has helped with fund-raising in the past, Parker said, and will continue their efforts during the Christmas season.

Bramer said his reason for lending a hand to ROOF is because it seemed appropriate that his efforts would go toward a non-profit organization providing a service for street kids. He also said it was an opportunity for students to use their skills for an extra project outside the classroom.

### Counsellor's Corner



By Pat Trudeau

There is less than a month to go. Don't quit! By now you have made a significant investment of time, sweat and money; Christmas break is just around the corner.

Over the last few weeks, counsellors have seen several students who, discouraged by low mid-term marks and lack of money, have considered quitting. Most have persisted and, believe it or not, most students will succeed.

Many students fear being "kicked out," and rumors circulate about one or two failed courses meaning instant dismissal — not so. Every endeavour is made at this college to ensure success. Remember, the college needs you as much as

you need it.

Please come and talk with a counsellor when you begin to feel overwhelmed, or make an appointment to talk with Jo-Anne Morgan about Peer Tutoring. We can help you to develop options and strategies. Do approach your faculty if you need some clarification of a mark or other academic assistance. Lean on friends and family who have shown support in the past.

I leave you with an excerpt from Mychal Wynn's book of poetry entitled Don't Quit.

*When the funds are low, and the debts are high  
When you're laughing, although you'd rather cry  
When you discover yourself slowing down a bit  
Stop and take a deep breath, but don't you quit*

*Always do the best that you can possibly do  
Treasure true friends who are far and few  
Never give up, whatever the burden you bear  
Just one more step might get you there*

*Succeed in believing that you will not fail  
Use diligence and determination to set your sail  
Whenever life presses you down a bit  
Stand up and shout, "I will not quit!"*

Pat Trudeau is a counsellor in student services.

## Christmas Comedy Dinner Show

Thursday, Dec. 9  
3 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Blue Room Cafeteria

Featuring: Music by Rick Rose  
Comedians Jamie K  
Dave Hook  
Ian Sirota  
John Pattison



Wow! What a night of entertainment!

**Tickets: \$10 each or 2 for \$18**

*Includes a turkey dinner with all the fixings!  
Tickets available at the DSA Activities Office  
Licensed event*

### About the Performers —

- \* **Dave Hook** is "Canada's funniest new comic," Yuk Yuk's 1993
- \* **Joe Wilson:** in this case M.C. stands for "Mean Comedian"
- \* **Jamie K** is an amateur comedian presently at Conestoga in BRT year two. Tours frequently with Dave Hook.
- \* **Ian Sirota** is a Yuk Yuk pro, who hails from T.O. and could have easily been the headliner!
- \* **John Pattison:** This headliner travels North America with his puppet/Dummy (don't tell him I called him that). A definite show stopper!

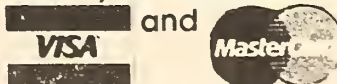


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# Perspective

Environmental Issues



Jeff Hodsdon, a third-year broadcasting — radio and television student, displays an overflowing blue box at Doon campus.

(Photo illustration by Kenton Augerman)

## Campus-wide recycling fulfils legislative guidelines

By Colleen Connachan

What is blue, square, durable and can be seen in every corner at Conestoga College? You guessed it... unlimited blue boxes.

Conestoga's campus-wide recycling operation is not just based on political awareness towards environmental issues, but is a project which involves time, dedication and, of course, money.

Conestoga's manager of house-keeping services, Dan Stark, said although the college has had a recycling operation for more than three years, it is still relatively new and open to change.

"The basis of the recycling program is to sort and separate as much as possible," said Stark. This includes sorting and separating all fine paper, newspaper, glass, cans and cardboard. Although waste is something "you're expected to continually reduce," waste management "is still an area we have to improve as a college."

One way which Conestoga's recycling system will improve is through an approach by physical resources that attempts to look at

how other groups can become involved.

Stark said Conestoga's recycling program was initially started through the efforts of concerned faculty, staff and students, before the actual blue box operation was active. "We've been trying to improve upon what they have started."

**"There has been no government funding for recycling at the college."**

— Dan Stark

According to Stark, the recycling system within the college is an internal operation which does receive outside funding. In other words, he said, Conestoga is flying solo in the operation in terms of the actual cost.

"There has been no government funding for recycling at the college." He added that the college saves money only by not having to send waste to a landfill. However, that money is directed towards expenses such as the cost for pick-up.

"What you basically have to do is try and balance waste management to get the most out of it you can."

Barry Milner, manager of physical resources, said municipal support for recycling varies at the college's different campuses. Doon Campus does not receive any help whatsoever, Milner said, but the City of Waterloo offers free pick-up service.

Milner said waste management within the college, including all campuses, hit a total cost of \$62,000 as of March 31, 1993. However, the Ministry of Environment's legislation, which is geared towards gradual waste reduction, will ultimately reduce the cost.

Conestoga has been more than successful in fulfilling the guidelines for the legislation, said Milner. The guidelines required the college to reduce its waste by 25 per cent starting at a 1987 base year. The cut-off year was initially 1993, but was extended to 1995.

Conestoga has reduced waste by 35 per cent, and its next goal is to reach 50 per cent by the year 2000, which Milner said is achievable.

## Kitchener-Waterloo fights blue box funding blues

I remember, about five years ago, when the blue box operation was heading towards full-scale operation in Kitchener-Waterloo. The blue boxes scattered across the cities were noticeably different. Recently, while touring around my neighborhood, I realized that almost every house had a blue box piled with cans, newspapers and plastic pop bottles. It dawned on me that the Twin Cities were taking advantage of the blue box service.

I was also pleased to see that people were taking a leadership role in the battle against waste reduction.

However, recent disastrous funding cuts to the blue box operation by the Ontario Ministry of Environment and Energy is going to hurt. Without funding from the ministry, the region will be up to its nose in

abandoned recyclables. About a third of the cities' yearly budget of \$4.5-million comes from the ministry.

In 1987-88, when the province started supporting the municipalities' recycling process, it was thought to be a commendable effort. In retrospect, however, a five-year program which provided 50 per cent of total costs for the first year, 40 per cent for the second year and 33.3 per cent for the next three years was an obvious indication that the province would give the municipalities only minimal support.

For many people, it may have taken a lot of



By Colleen Connachan

effort to identify the re-

cyclables, sorting and finally hauling the blue box to the front of the driveway. But I am happy to say this region is aware of the importance of the three Rs: reducing, re-using and

recycling.

What I do NOT comprehend is why and how this issue can be put on hold. I assumed that by 1993, waste reduction would still be a top priority.

The blue box operation promotes and protects the future of the environment. The provincial government needs to sort its priorities along with their recyclables for the ministry to fulfil its mission.

The problem which faces this area is

whether or not the community will bounce back in terms of continuing their dedication to the three Rs.

In order to keep the blue box operation running, the municipalities may have to increase taxes. I imagine this move will not be favored by the public.

Another alternative could be to charge a fee for the service. But again, will people sacrifice a few extra bucks towards waste reduction? I am afraid to think of how many abandoned blue boxes will be dumped at the roadside.

There may be some who will always have an interest in environmental issues. But it took a lot of promotion over time to get people involved in their own household recycling.

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## Energy consumption drops at Detweiler

By Robert Gray

Energy costs at Doon's Detweiler Centre have decreased, thanks to efforts by students and faculty there last spring.

There was a 40 per cent reduction in energy consumption when everyone was "gung ho," said Walter Boettger, an instructor at the Detweiler Centre who was involved in the experiment.

Boettger said the project started when contact was made with Ontario Hydro and representatives came to Detweiler to discuss their initiatives.

"We had some meetings with faculty and students, got a game plan in place, initiated the plan and met regularly just to see how things were going," said Boettger.

"The big thing that came out of it was attitude, there's an attitude that has to be changed," he said.

Changing light fixtures is no problem, that's just a cost and a job, said Boettger. "But how do you change people's attitude? People were resisting change, which is kind of human nature."

"The students initiated change more than faculty, they used to come after Norm Socha and myself and say, 'You left the light on.' They seemed very energetic in initiating change, it seemed like there was a lot of resistance from faculty. But there were some students who turned the lights back on again and said, 'Hey listen; If you're not consuming power, I don't have a job.'"

Boettger said they're at about 30 per cent energy consumption now.

"Part of it was instructing our support staff person not to turn all the lights on," he said. Another part of the project used stickers on light switches and posters to remind people to turn off lights.

Kim Pickard, a second-year electrical technician at the Detweiler Centre, was one of about 18 students involved with the project. "I enjoyed participating in it," said Pickard. "I mean, let's face it, we don't want to waste anything, especially nowadays. It's unbelievable, the amount of savings we got just from lights."

Boettger said it's a challenge to keep the program going.

"It has to become second nature, and how long does it take for something to become second nature?" he said. "I think maybe another step would be during orientation to inform students of our project."

## Physical resources department aims at environmental awareness

By Duncan R. Inglis

Keeping Conestoga College's Doon campus beautiful and environmentally harmonious is Peter Higgins' job. He is a licensed spray applicator and groundskeeper who has groomed Conestoga lawns for more than 24 years.

Barry Milner, manager of Conestoga's physical resources department, works with Higgins, and together the two have seen the Doon campus landscape change as environmental awareness has grown.

Pesticides kill environmental pests. Insects in flower beds, grass and weeds at the base of trees, weeds in grass fields, pesky rodents and disease-carrying fungi are all harmed by pesticides.

The physical resources department says it uses insecticides the least of the four main pesticides at Doon campus.

Insecticides, herbicides, fungicides and rodenticides are the main pesticides.

Pesticides used at Conestoga College are all approved by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, and if used properly, will not harm the environment, say Higgins and Milner.

"If it's wrong or bad for the environment," says Milner, "then why would the Ministry of the Environment still be issuing licences for spray applicators?"

Some persistent pesticides have been linked to illness in the past. Persistent pesticides get passed on through the food chain via earth draining into water and particles being eaten by fish, birds eating insects and cows eating pesticide-sprayed grass.

Conestoga doesn't breed fish, cows, birds or other animals for food, but the college's wooded lots have become a haven for many animals uprooted from the Grand River valley by housing development, says Milner.

**"If it's wrong or bad for the environment, then why would the Ministry of the Environment still be issuing licences for spray applicators."**

— Barry Milner

"This past year, we've live-trapped five or six skunks that were out spraying our staff at night," says Milner.

"There's supposed to be an environmental balance (at the college), but they (the skunks) fight unfair," adds Milner.

Maintaining wildlife in forested areas has proven rewarding, according to Higgins, who says he once spotted a horned owl in the

wooded lot.

Trees continue to sprout up around Doon campus.

"In 1992, for Canada's birthday, we planted 125 trees and 25 more were donated for Conestoga's 25th anniversary," Higgins says.

About 50 trees went up around the student/client services building after it was landscaped, according to Higgins.

This year, 15 trees were planted to replace dead or dying trees.

City of Kitchener bylaws force Conestoga to mow its vacant land, across Conestoga Boulevard, once a year, says Milner.

"A few years ago, however, we (physical resources) did not cut that (field).

"We had a complaint from one of our neighbors, reminding the college of the bylaw.

"Certainly, we are expected to do things (such as cutting grass and blowing leaves) as citizens of the community," says the physical resources manager.

Conestoga has been blowing leaves from the streets back into the bush area since before environment became the "buzz word," says Milner.

He says that the staff at the physical resources department always keep up with published pros and cons on environmental issues.

"We're certainly more aware of the issues now than we were 10 or 15 years ago."

## Hazardous waste not being sent down the drain

By Robert Gray

Hazardous waste pollution is becoming less of a problem at Conestoga campuses, thanks to the efforts of the college's health and safety department.

"We do whatever we can towards meeting any health and safety legislation," said Kim Radigan, acting health, safety and environmental co-ordinator.

"The environmental part of the job deals with hazardous wastes. Also setting up safety committees, making sure guards are on machines, making sure people wear their protective equipment."

Part of dealing with hazardous waste entails co-ordinating waste disposal, Radigan said. "We basically deal with anyone that wants to get rid of any waste. The department comes to us, identifies what they want to dispose of, and then we contact disposal firms."

"We have basic industrial operations going on, like woodworking and a machine shop here at Doon. And there are certain other areas that use chemicals to do a number of things."

The college generates wastes from the use of machine cleaners and oils, finishes, paints, stainers, solvents, strippers, coolants, and

old batteries from the motor vehicle machine shop at the Guelph campus, Radigan said.

The department has also installed devices to collect and reclaim wastes that used to go down the drain, such as the system in the journalism program's photo dark-

room that reclaims silver and filters chemicals, and an oil separator at the Guelph campus that filters waste oil so the final byproduct can go into the city sewers with no hazardous byproducts.

All waste oils at Conestoga's campuses are collected and sent to

Safety-Kleen in Breslau.

"We put those in (the system in the darkroom) about a year ago. If there's a process that is out there that can be purchased that can be put in like that, we certainly try to go that way."

Radigan also said she's currently

"trying to co-ordinate who's getting rid of what waste and in what manner. Then, if someone phones and says, 'I want to get rid of this,' I can look at the other wastes at Doon and see if I can co-ordinate the pickup with another place. And in that way save some money."

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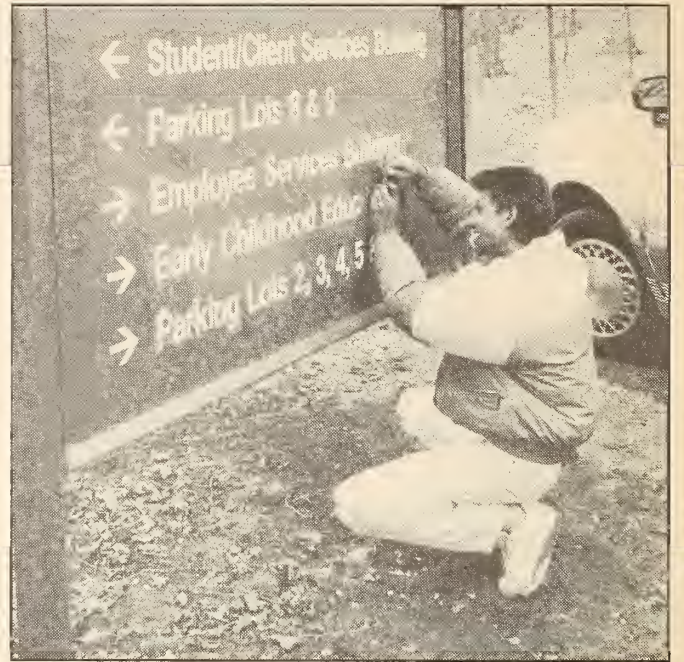
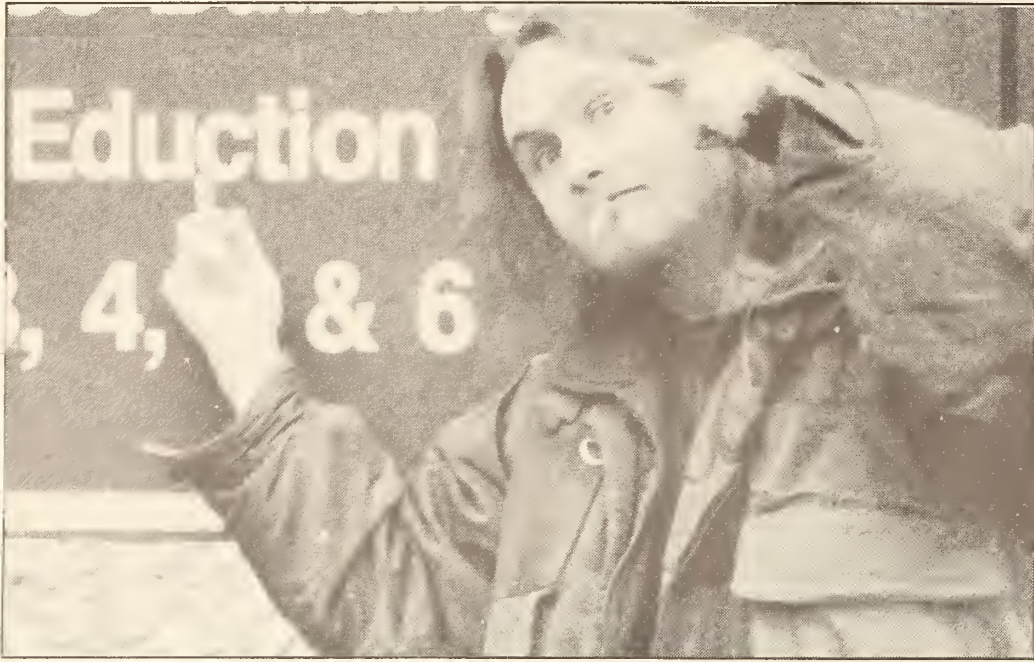
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## Conestoga in focus



### Clockwise from top left:

- ⇒ Ryan Cybulskie, a second-year graphics student, points to a spelling mistake on a new sign at Doon campus (photo illustration by Jeff Brinkhof).
- ⇒ Sheik Allishaw, an employee of Kitchener-based Sign Art, fixes the error (photo by Brad Hilderley).
- ⇒ Kees Morsink displays some of the jewelry for sale at a craft show at Doon campus (photo by Alan Horn).
- ⇒ Gary Townsend evens out a piece of wood at the Woodworking Centre of Ontario (photo by Alan Horn).

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## VIP/CIP Day



Jennifer Leith stands at the podium surrounded by student volunteers during VIP day's final event.

(Photo by Gary Wiebe)

## Visiting students see fun side of college life

By Gary Wiebe

A downcast, rainy day didn't dampen the enthusiasm of over 1,500 high school students streaming into the auditorium of the Kenneth E. Hunter recreation centre, Nov. 17.

The high-spirited students, from 50 schools in the regions of Perth, Huron, Wellington and Waterloo, were gearing up for the final event of VIP/CIP day.

The visitor information and college information programs, hosted by Conestoga in co-operation with 18 other community colleges, featured workshops, seminars and demonstrations by college faculty.

The day's events, thought of as a "pilot project," were designed to promote college life to as many high school students as possible at one time.

The final event of the day was a draw for prizes, with one condition — the students had to fill out a VIP/CIP evaluation form to be eligible.

Jennifer Leith, Conestoga's manager of information services, has a green plastic garbage bag stuffed with forms in the corner of her office.

The evaluations, she said, won't be summarized until after Christmas. "We've looked through maybe 100 of them, and all of them were positive. I haven't run into one negative comment at all."

Leith said that was unusual because, in previous years, students didn't seem to hesitate in giving negative feedback.

Back in the auditorium, the noise was deafening. Students packed the bleachers and spread out on the floor. They stamped their feet, clapped their hands, whistled, hooted and hollered.

Paper airplanes glided through the air.

At one end of the hall was a raised platform surrounded by red-shirted, grinning, Conestoga student volunteers and student government reps. Some had balloons

floating above them on strings tied to their arms.

"The whole atmosphere was vibrant. This was the first year that kind of spontaneity happened," Leith said.

Fun was a theme stressed by Leith. "I think it's great they were having fun. I'd like them to associate this as, not only a place of quality learning, but a place where they can also have a good time and things go on outside of scholarly pursuits."

It will be a while before anyone knows if VIP will be continued. Leith said the final decision is in the hands of the academic management committee (AMC).

Leith said everyone she talked to during the day's events was very positive. "All the workshop sessions were overflowing and we had a lot of good comments."

**"The whole atmosphere was vibrant. This was the first year that kind of spontaneity happened."**

—Jennifer Leith

called a CAAT (Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology) chat.

"It's the perfect time for a counsellor to target a specific college with a question they've been dying to ask. Counsellors in attendance were thrilled with the day."

Leith credited the spontaneity of the day to the volunteers, particularly the Doon Student Association (DSA). "This is the first year we've had the student government agree to be so largely involved. Granted, classes were cancelled for the most part, so they had the opportunity to do it. But they did it. They didn't just go home, they stayed. They were marvellous."

They demonstrated the fun side of college life and the high school students related to it, she said.

"Logistically, it went exceptionally well."

In the auditorium, 14 prizes were given out. The prizes, donated by the DSA, the alumni association, and those colleges in attendance, ranged from mugs to shirts to the grand prize — a portable CD/stereo player.

Angel Hilson of Listowel District secondary school won the grand prize.

Each prize winner came from a different school.

Leith said there is still lots of work to do before a final evaluation of VIP day is in.

"There will be a post-mortem meeting next week with all of the people from the initial task force to look at the whole organization and make suggestions for the future."

A mail-in will go to the head guidance counsellors of the 50 schools involved and the draft of that evaluation will go before a consultative committee.

Leith said this committee meets two or three times a year with school reps from the regions of Perth, Huron, Wellington and Waterloo.

She will also meet with Conestoga's program chairs to get their feedback. When all the information is in, the AMC will be approached for a final decision.

## High school counsellors support VIP/CIP format

By Omar Welke

High school students' reaction to Conestoga College's new VIP/CIP format can be capsulized in one sentence, said Don Metcalf, a counsellor at Kitchener-Waterloo collegiate and vocational school.

"Just about every three out of four students on the bus were thankful for being given the opportunity to visit Conestoga College," he said.

Combining the two events, visitor information program and college information program, was the selling point that made the day a success for himself and his students, said Metcalf.

Students, as well as counsellors, got the chance to see the opportunities open to them at Conestoga and the other colleges.

"All the other counsellors I talked to said the day was extremely positive," he said.

David Minnes, a guidance counsellor at Kitchener's Cameron Heights collegiate institute, agreed that the ability to compare programs and talk to people from a number of different programs was attractive to his students.

The feedback he got from his students was mainly positive and concentrated on the organizational success of the day and variety of options open to them.

"A lot of students are looking for colleges and universities and the more (career days) we can set up for them the better," he said.

Counsellors also benefitted from the day. To them, it (VIP/CIP) was the counterpart to the university nights held in area high schools, said Minnes.

It gave them a chance to discuss programs and specifics with other counsellors as well as representatives of the colleges scattered all over Ontario, he said.

The only criticisms either counsellor had of the event were that not enough colleges were represented and the public address system in the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre was below par.

But this was outweighed by the "accommodating atmosphere" that made people feel welcome.

**"A lot of students are looking for colleges and universities and the more that we can set up for them the better."**

—David Minnes

At the Nov. 22 board of governors meeting, Conestoga college president John Tibbits said the event was a success in its new format.

The combined VIP/CIP attracted 17 colleges and 2500 students from Perth, Wellington and Huron county high schools, he said. The Michener Institute of Toronto was a latecomer and 18th institution to attend the event.

Not just students but also counsellors benefitted from the day, he added.

"Four or five years ago high school counsellors tended to focus on universities," Tibbits said. VIP/CIP is contributing to change that.

Thirty five per cent of students attending accounting workshops at last year's event applied to the accounting program, he said.

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# Blue Jays' marketing head recalls decade of memories

By Brad Hilderley

Being the director of marketing for the two-time World Series champion Toronto Blue Jays involves much more than just hanging out with superstar athletes.

"It's a lot of hard work, and it's a lot of long hours," said Jays' executive Paul Markle during his speech at Conestoga College's Doon campus Nov. 25. "And, by the way, the glamor of (second baseman) Robbie Alomar wears off," he said.

"It's novel — you meet a lot of good people, a lot of nice people — but the glamor of the association with a professional sports team doesn't last that long in this work," Markle told his audience of about 100 students and others.

His 70-minute presentation was intended to raise awareness of the United Way and one of its agencies — Reaching Our Outdoor Friends (ROOF) — which provides food and counselling to street children. Donations of money, towels, games and other items were collected for ROOF at the door in place of an admission charge.

Markle said U.S. President Bill Clinton did not make a congratulatory call to Jays' manager Cito Gaston this year, but last year the team was invited to the White House by then President George Bush.

The visit included a three-hour tour of the White House and a taste of the former president's sense of humor. Bush presented an enlarged baseball card of himself to Gaston, Markle said. The card was of Bush during his days at Yale University, where he played second base.

Bush, who had recently lost the presidential election, joked to Gaston, "Cito, I know you've got a good second baseman, but I'm out of work."

Markle answered questions throughout his speech, delivered in a classroom in the main building's A-wing.

One question dealt with the Blue Jays organization's involvement in the catchy Coca-Cola jingles that received extensive television airplay during the 1993 playoffs.

Markle said he was personally involved in that project, but added that "Initially, when it went on the JumboTron, there was some concern." The JumboTron is a large screen used to display statistics and game highlights in the SkyDome.

"We don't have many jingles on the JumboTron, but since it was baseball oriented and considered complimentary, we let it happen."

He described the jingles as "tremendously successful," but said he did not know for sure whether they increased sales of Coca-Cola products.

Trouble arose, though, when sev-

eral Jays were mentioned in the jingles, said Markle, and one day he received a telephone call from Gaston.

"I didn't give them permission to use my name," Gaston told Markle.

What the manager was really doing, Markle said, was checking whether there was money to be made out of the situation. Markle said he told Gaston a certain dollar value, but Gaston said it wasn't enough.

That conversation took place be-

fore the Jays won the World Series, Markle said, and he hasn't heard from him since.

Markle began his presentation by showing a video of the key moments from game six of the World Series, including Joe Carter's series-winning home run.

Markle told his listeners he came from a sports background, having played for seven years in the Canadian Football League, three with the Toronto Argonauts, three with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and

one with the Edmonton Eskimos.

Markle said that following his visit to Conestoga, he was scheduled to speak to business students at Wilfrid Laurier University.

That was to have been a homecoming of sorts, for Markle is an alumnus there.

In January 1975, following his football days, he got a job in sales with Labatt Breweries of Canada Ltd.

It was through this job that he was able to establish contacts with people in the Blue Jays' organization, for in the early days of the team Labatt's ownership share of the Jays was 45 per cent, Markle said.

"When I really joined the team, officially, was '83."

Around that time, the marketing of professional baseball teams changed.

"In the early '80s, people moved into marketing, and a lot of teams didn't really know what marketing was all about."

In the Detroit Tigers' organization, the director of marketing used to be the same guy who changed the numbers on the scoreboard, Markle said.

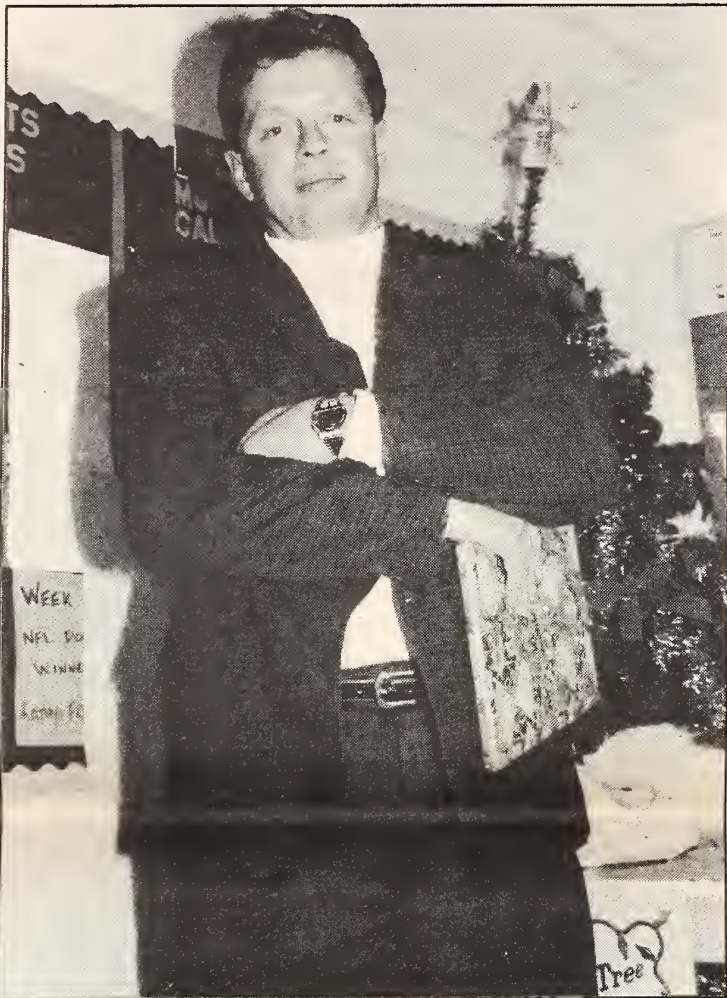
But that was a different era, he said. In 1977, the total team payroll was \$750,000, according to Markle, but in 1993 it was \$52 million.

"You didn't have to draw many people in the early days, we were making lots of money at Exhibition Stadium, bringing in 15,000 people."

The Toronto Blue Jays have a number of advantages in this new era of marketing, Markle said. Toronto represents "the most vital market in North America for a professional sports team, even in this economy."

"I think the real advantage that we have had over other teams is that the first priority for our ownership in '76-'77, being the first year, was to develop the front office. They looked at baseball as a business."

Following the speech, Michelle Lewis, a third-year marketing student, presented Markle with a copy of Conestoga's 25th anniversary book. Later, Markle said that the Blue Jays will, in 1994, have a "very solid" chance of making it three World Series victories in a row.



Paul Markle, director of marketing for the Toronto Blue Jays, spoke at Doon campus Nov. 25.

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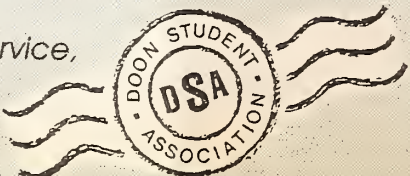
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# SPORTS

## Hockey Condors crush Cambrian

By Duncan R. Inglis

Cambrian Golden Shield, last year's Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) men's hockey gold medallists, could not shield itself from the attack of the Conestoga Condors Nov. 26.

Conestoga added a third dent to the armor of the Shield, which suffered its third loss of the season with the 6-2 Condors victory.

According to Condors coach Ron Woodworth, the game was won on quality and not quantity of shots.

Once again, the goaltending of Condors Scott Ballantyne was outstanding, said Woodworth, as Conestoga was outshot 47-35.

"When we needed the big stop, he made it for us. In the minds of his teammates, he was probably the game's most outstanding player."

The Condors took an early lead halfway through the first period when Dave Long scored one of two goals he recorded on the night. His second, the Condors' sixth of the

game, came 4:58 into the third period. Long also recorded an assist.

Conestoga forward Steve Allen also earned three points. Allen scored a critical second goal 27 seconds after Long's game opener.

Conestoga forward Darren Kinnear scored the third Condor goal to put his team up 3-0 before Shield forward Derek Etches got Cambrian on the board with 2:21 left in the first. The period ended 3-1.

"Our plan was to keep their top line off the scoresheet," said Woodworth, "using defencemen to check their top forwards."

Kinnear's second goal made it 4-1 and forward Jeff Reed increased the Condors' lead to 5-1 before Cambrian forward Tim Favot, who averaged better than three points a game last season, scored late in the second period for the Shield to make it 5-2.

Long rounded out the scoring for Conestoga, making the final score 6-2.

Favot is "by far one of the league's premier players, and if we can keep him to one goal, then we're happy," said Woodworth.

The victory placed Conestoga in second in the Costello Division, behind Seneca, the team the Condors beat 5-4 in their home opener Nov. 10.

All four teams — Cambrian, Conestoga, Niagara and Seneca — have winning records in their division, while in the Parker Division only the Algonquin Thunder had a record over the .500 mark.

"Our side, in the two-division system, seems to be the strongest, but we're going to find that out on the weekend (Dec. 3-4) when we play in Algonquin and St. Lawrence (Brockville)," said Woodworth.

The Condors' next home ice action is Dec. 8 when they face the Niagara Knights, a team which they defeated 9-0 in exhibition play, but which Woodworth said is unpredictable.

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- \* If you are not an OSAP applicant, you will get an interview.

At Doon campus contact Jean McEwan  
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## Spokesports

(Standings as of Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1993)

### Ontario Colleges Athletic Association Men's Hockey

#### Results —

Dec. 2, Seneca at Fleming(L)  
Dec. 3, Fleming(L) at Fleming(P)  
Conestoga at St Lawrence(B)  
Cambrian at Seneca  
Dec. 4, Conestoga at Algonquin  
Cambrian at Niagara  
Nov. 27, St. Lawrence(B) 3, Fleming(P) 5  
Nov. 26, Cambrian 2, Conestoga 6  
Algonquin 2, Seneca 11  
Niagara 11, Fleming(P) 3  
Nov. 25, Algonquin 8, Fleming(L) 7

#### Costello Division

TEAMS	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Seneca Braves	6	1	0	51	17	12
Conestoga Condors	4	1	0	31	17	8
Cambrian Gold Shield	4	3	0	52	36	8
Niagara Knights	3	1	0	37	29	6

#### Parker Division

TEAMS	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Algonquin Thunder	4	3	0	33	42	8
S.S.Fleming(L) Auks	1	4	0	27	39	2
S.S.Fleming(P)Knights	1	5	0	24	49	2
St.L.(B) Schooners	1	6	0	31	57	2

#### Future Games —

Wed., Dec. 8, Niagara at Conestoga, 7:30 p.m.;  
Fri., Dec. 10, Conestoga at Fleming(P), 2 p.m.;  
Thur., Jan. 6, Fleming(L) at Seneca; Fri., Jan. 7,  
Algonquin at St. Lawrence(B); Wed., Jan. 12,  
Seneca at Conestoga, 7:30 p.m.

NEXT HOME GAME: Wed. Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m.

### Niagara at Conestoga



### OCAA Hockey Scoring Leaders

(As of Nov. 21, 1993)

Player, Team	GP	G	A	Pts	Pim
Tim Favot, Cam.	7	6	13	19	8
Derek Etches, Cam	7	12	7	19	8
Dave Long, Con.	5	8	10	18	22
Kirk Sharkey, Alg.	7	10	5	15	0
Tom Jack, Sen.	7	9	5	14	2

Jami Bernier, Sen.	7	6	8	14	0
Chris Ottman, Con.	5	8	5	13	13
Peter Lachance, Nia.	3	5	8	13	2
Troy Gleason, SL(B)	6	5	8	13	12
Brent Jones, SL(B)	5	6	6	12	16

(GP-Games Played, G-Goals, A-Assists, Pts-Points, Pim-Penalties in minutes)

### Conestoga's Intramurals Update

#### Co-ed Basketball Playoffs

Dec. 6, at Conestoga College  
Recreation Centre

#### Ball Hockey Playoffs

Dec. 7, at Conestoga College  
Recreation Centre

#### Co-ed Volleyball Playoffs

Dec. 9, at Conestoga College  
Recreation Centre



## Male Athlete of the Week for Nov. 24 — Dec. 1



### Scott Ballantyne

Scott Ballantyne plays in goal for the Condors and stopped 45 of 47 shots Nov. 26, in a 6-2 Condors victory over last year's Ontario champions, Cambrian Golden Shield.

(O'TOOLE'S sponsors  
and the coaches pick the athletes  
of the week)



## ENTERTAINMENT

# Mrs. Doubtfire a surefire hit with Williams's stellar performance as a cross-dressing dad

By Jeff Brinkhof

Robin Williams is at his comedic best when he's allowed to roam through his stockpile of silly gags and funny voices, as evidenced in his acclaimed portrayal of the Genie in *Aladdin*.

In *Mrs. Doubtfire*, Williams is again given that freedom and the results are hilarious.

Williams plays Daniel Hilliard, an out-of-work voice-over artist, who, at his wife Miranda's instigation, gets divorced and loses custody of his three children.

Needing childcare, Miranda (played by Sally Field) advertises for a housekeeper.

Desperate to see his children, Daniel disguises himself as an elderly British woman named Mrs. Doubtfire and gets the job.

While we've seen the cross-dressing theme before, most memorably in *Tootsie*, Williams is able to give a zany freshness to an otherwise pedestrian plot.

Despite being saddled with a series of clichéd scenes, including the inevitable restaurant sequence requiring Williams to change repeatedly from Doubtfire to Daniel, Williams is able to put a new spin on even the most tired situations through his hysterical ad-libs.

The audience gave no indication that it had seen some the movie's scenes a thousand times before and exploded into laughter frequently during the film.

The opening sequence, in which

Williams shows off his vocal prowess by doing a cartoon voice-over, was especially funny.

Another crowd-pleaser is when he throws a birthday party for his son, complete with a petting zoo in the house.

Williams' natural hairiness — he's a walking carpet — is one of the film's running gags. At one point, a bus driver, who has become somewhat smitten with Mrs. Doubtfire, catches a glimpse of Daniel's exposed leg and comments that he is fond of the European look.

One of the film's more redeeming features is that the divorced parents do not get back together in the end and live happily ever after.

The fairy-tale message that everything will always work out has deluded children of divorced parents for years and it's good to see it's not reinforced here.

Other than Williams' outstanding performance, the acting is reasonably good.

Field's Miranda, who is unfairly tapped as the movie's villain, isn't given much room to stretch beside Williams' gregarious character.

When given a chance to act, however, Field comes across a little too giddy for the successful executive she is supposed to be, but is otherwise competent.

Though this film won't win any prizes for inventiveness or artistic merit, it should win plenty of what movie producers most covet: audience dollars.

Sure to be a hit, *Mrs. Doubtfire* delivers side-splitting laughs without the headache of a deeper social meaning.

For a night of simple escapism,

this movie comes highly recommended. But, if you're looking for something with cultural significance, perhaps a novel would be better.

## AT THE MOVIES

**WHAT:** *Mrs. Doubtfire*, a light-hearted comedy in which a father dresses as a woman to see his children; rated PG

**STARRING:** Robin Williams and Sally Field

**RATING:** \*\*\*1/2 (out of five)

**WHERE:** Fairway Cineplex Odeon Cinemas, 500 Fairway Rd. S., 748-9189

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